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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



The undertone for mid-week business on whole product was generally steady. Retail demand was seasonal and reported in a range of light to moderate. Overall, movement was fair but expected to increase for the holiday weekend. Food service was light to good with best movement into fast food outlets where product was featured. Supplies of whole product was usually sufficient for trade needs; but offerings were usually clearing. Trucks were short of immediate needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good. Dark meat was close to short, breast items were adequate to well cleared. Wings and fronts were irregular but usually available. Although, wings were showing some improvement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.75 cents last year on June 30, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.00
BREASTS - B/S	150.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.50
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	83.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was seasonally active. Supplies were adequate but clearing. Overall, most product was committed with very little surplus shown. However, offerings were sufficient for full trade needs. Trucks were short of requirements. In the parts structure, movement was light to fairly good. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared, especially on drums and thighs. Breast items were adequate to very close balanced. Fronts and wings were adequate to fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged slow to moderate, mostly fair to moderate. Offerings were generally sufficient on the smaller sizes; at least adequate on the 3 pound and heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were balanced to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings were readily available.

**MIDWEST** The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady with additional offerings adequate for the light interest. Retail movement ranged light to instances good with best interest into featured items. Features noted on boneless skinless breasts at \$1.69 and \$1.99 in the Chicago market. Demand into food service venues continues light to moderate with best interest into catering and fast food areas. Floor stocks were adequate to instances long with mostly desirable weights. Supplies of dark meat items continued barely adequate to tight with the balance of parts mostly adequate. The trade sentiment was fully steady on dark meat cuts, steady on breast items, and barely steady on wings.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings in fairly good balance. Retailer demand good to cover holiday needs. Floor stocks adequate.

## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 25, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 25, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through June 25, 2005 were 4.40 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER CHICK PLACEMENT AND BROILER EGG SET TOTAL 19 STATES SELECTED STATES

	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 06/25/05			
EGGS SET	212,732	212,929	0
CHICKS PLACED	178,110	175,595	+01

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 06-Aug-05 is estimated at 163.7 million head. This compares to 163.4 million head the previous week and to 164.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.08 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 29, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	700	130.00-205.00	132-139	140.23	BREAST - B/S	660	134.00-204.00	135-139	137.83
TENDERLOINS	223	117.00-195.00	122-129	128.05	TENDERLOINS	230	119.00-195.00	126-130	132.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	117	82.00-91.00	84-86	85.03	BREAST - LINE RUN	97	84.00-92.00	85-87	86.49
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	538	40.00-44.00	41-42	41.62	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	552	40.00-44.00	41-42	41.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,285	41.00-46.00	43-44	43.37	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	41.00-46.00	43-44	43.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	70.00-85.00	82-84	81.92	WINGS (WHOLE)	245	70.00-86.00	81-83	81.12
WINGS (CUT)	370	87.00-97.00	95-97	94.78	WINGS (CUT)	417	87.00-98.00	92-95	93.70
DRUMSTICKS	78	55.00-63.00	-	57.10	DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-63.00	-	56.82
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	100	98.00-113.00	-	104.40	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 55.00	53.79	52.00-56.50	53.96	53.99

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Drums and thighs were in close balance to tight. Wings were available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, drums and thighs. Wings were barely steady to weak.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	138.82	477,860
TENDERLOINS	125	127.96	147,168
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	89.62	112,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	85.25	72,000
LEGS	56-57	57.73	106,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	41.91	299,280
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	58.60	102,800
THIGHS	52-53	56.35	61,000
B/S THIGHS	104-105	97.75	57,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	92.33	61,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.13	15,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.94	15,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.00	25,260

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	140.27	333,280
TENDERLOINS	125	120.96	118,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	92.87	97,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.66	73,800
LEGS	56-57	58.46	145,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	42.82	346,072
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	61.90	80,000
THIGHS	52-53	59.48	45,320
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.38	56,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	96.29	53,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.69	19,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.22	13,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.98	26,880

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	06/29	06/28	06/27	06/24	06/22
Alabama	3,984	4,008	4,018	4,387	5.32
Arkansas	5,540	5,584	5,422	6,335	5.13
Delmarva	2,210	2,269	2,253	2,525	5.74
KY-LA-TN	2,347	2,295	2,306	2,404	5.07
Mississippi	3,055	2,846	3,096	3,024	5.50
North Carolina	2,546	2,488	2,326	3,325	6.67
Texas	2,500	2,509	2,542	3,561	5.24
Total	22,182	21,999	21,963	25,561	5.45
Mon-Wed	66,610 (A)				5.35

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Jun-05 is estimated to be 34,119,000 head up 0.64 percent from a week ago and up 8.81 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,903,000, last year 31,357,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Jul-05

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	07/02/05 (1)	06/25/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	174,838 (2)	164,270
Light hens	1,557	1,627
Heavy hens	1,461	1,527
Total	177,856	167,424

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Jul-05 is 167.2 million head compared to 162.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 175.2 million head or 8.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 09-Jul-05 the estimated available is 166.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 06/27/05	115,499	48,735
AM 06/01/05	116,134	46,132
CHG	-635	2,603
PCT CHG	-1	6

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	06/27/05	06/20/05	06/28/04	06/27/05	06/20/05	06/28/04
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	4,024	4,052	9,398	6,087	6,200	4,388
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	81	67	366	3,507	3,506	2,928

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2005

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES****FOR 06/28/05**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.90	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	3.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.05	.84	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	4.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	3.50	-
SILKIES ea.	-	4.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.00	2.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	35						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 24, 2005

	<b>Whole Chickens</b>	<b>Breasts</b>	<b>Legs W/ Thighs</b>	<b>Necks, Backs &amp; Wings</b>	<b>Livers/ Gizzards</b>	<b>Hens</b>
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	82.24	151.82	92.78	18.98	6.33	70.85
High	84.35	160.26	101.22	25.30	12.65	70.85
Mostly	84.35	160.26	101.22	21.09	8.43	70.85

**SAN JUAN**

Low	81.39	151.82	92.78	18.98	6.33	71.69
High	84.35	160.26	101.22	25.30	12.65	71.69
Mostly	84.35	160.26	97.00	21.09	8.43	71.69

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	80.97	151.82	92.78	18.98	6.33	70.85
High	84.35	160.26	101.22	25.30	12.65	70.85
Mostly	84.35	160.26	101.22	21.09	8.43	70.85

**BECERRA**

Low	81.39	151.82	92.78	18.98	6.33	71.69
High	84.35	160.26	101.22	25.30	12.65	71.69
Mostly	84.35	160.26	101.22	21.09	8.43	71.69

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to moderate. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate on the 3.00 pound and heavier sizes; generally no more than adequate on the smaller. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were adequate to tight. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	71-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

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